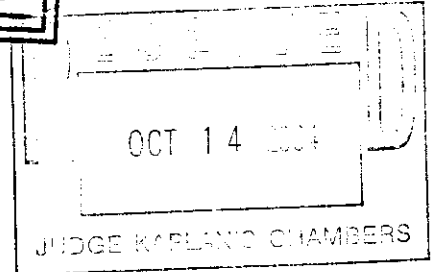


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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AMERICAN STEAMSHIP OWNERS
MUTUAL PROTECTION AND
INDEMNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.,

Plaintiff,

- against -

Alcoa Steamship Co., Inc.
and the Other Entities Listed on Exhibit A
attached to the Second Amended Complaint

Defendants.
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PARTIAL
NOTICE OF DISMISSAL

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(i), plaintiff, American Steamship Owners Mutual Protection and Indemnity Association, Inc., hereby voluntarily dismisses the captioned action, as against defendant, Equistar Chemicals LP.

This Voluntary Notice of Dismissal is issued based upon Equistar Chemicals LP's assertion and the information it provided that it is not the successor corporation to either Cuba Distilling Company or National Distillers Products Corp. and Equistar Chemicals LP's agreement that it has not made and will not, in the future, make any claims against

the American Steamship Owners Mutual Protection and Indemnity Association, Inc.
arising out of any insurance policies issued to either Cuba Distilling Company or
National Distillers Products Corp. while they were members of the Association prior to
February 20, 1989.

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SO ORDERED:



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